

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A test printing method capable of printing a test pattern and a comparison test pattern with which the test
5 pattern is compared, said method comprising the steps of:
printing the test pattern;
judging whether or not printing the comparison test
pattern; and
when said judgement is what to print the comparison
10 test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.
2. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
said step of judging whether or not printing the comparison
test pattern based on a state of an input by an operation
15 of a user.
3. A test printing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein
the input is an input through a switch which can be operated
so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or
20 to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.
4. A test printing method as claimed in claim 3, further
comprising the step for printing the comparison test
pattern as well as making the switch operated so that
25 setting is made to print only the test pattern, when said
step of judging that the switch is operated so that setting
is made to print the test pattern and the comparison test

pattern.

5. A test printing method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated
5 in connection with other predetermined operation input, so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

6. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
10 the test pattern is printed based on corrected data and the comparison test pattern is printed based on non-corrected data.

7. A test printing method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
15 the test pattern and the comparison test pattern are printed in connection with a calibration for a printing apparatus.

8. An information processing apparatus capable of
20 causing a printing apparatus to print a test pattern and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is compared, said information processing apparatus executing a process comprising the steps of:

causing the printing apparatus to print the test
25 pattern;

judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison test pattern, causing the printing apparatus to print said comparison test pattern.

5 9. An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, comprising a user interface and wherein said step of judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern based on a state of an input by an operation of a user through the user interface.

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10. An information processing apparatus as claimed in claim 8, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

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11. A printing system capable of printing a test pattern and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is compared when executing a test printing, wherein a process including the steps of:

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printing the test pattern;

judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern is executed.

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12. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, comprising a user interface and wherein said step of judging whether or not printing the comparison test pattern based on a state of an input by an operation of a user through the user interface.

13. A printing system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

14. A printing system as claimed in claim 13, wherein a process including the step for printing the comparison test pattern as well as making the switch operated so that setting is made to print only the test pattern is further executed, when said step of judging judges that the switch is operated so that setting is made to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

15. A printing system as claimed in claim 12, wherein the input is an input through a switch which can be operated in connection with other predetermined operation input, so that setting is made to print only the test pattern or to print the test pattern and the comparison test pattern.

16. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the test pattern is printed based on corrected data and the

comparison test pattern is printed based on non-corrected data.

17. A printing system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the
5 test pattern and the comparison test pattern are printed
in connection with a calibration for a printing apparatus.

18. A program comprising program code means causing an
information processing apparatus to execute a test
10 printing process capable of printing a test pattern and
a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern is
compared, wherein said test printing process including the
steps of:

printing the test pattern;
15 judging whether or not printing the comparison test
pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison
test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.

20 19. A storage medium storing a program capable of being
read by an information processing apparatus, wherein a
process of the program capable of printing a test pattern
and a comparison test pattern with which the test pattern
is compared, said process comprising the steps of:

25 printing the test pattern;
judging whether or not printing the comparison test
pattern; and

when said judgement is what to print the comparison
test pattern, printing said comparison test pattern.